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Mr. Kevin Sharpe  
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*Comments*

Re: T01-0039; Petition of the City of Des Plaines for an order of the Illinois Commerce Commission to require installation of safety devices at a railroad bridge overpass in the City of Des Plaines, Cook County, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Sharpe:

Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") files this exception to the proposed order in the above-referenced matter.


The first ordering provision of the proposed order directs the railroads to complete repairs on the subject bridge, but does not specify which repairs remain. The second ordering provision specifically directs the railroads to add rows of lagging.

WCL requests that the first two ordering provisions be combined into one and that the order specifically directs what needs to be done, so that all parties are clear on their obligations.

In reviewing the transcript from the January 6, 2003 hearing, the remaining items to be completed were the additional rows of lagging, the securing of the plywood sheets, and cleanup of debris along the roadbed. The order should reflect these specific items.

Feel free to call me if you have questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Michael J. Barron, Jr.  
Counsel for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

cc: Judge June Tate, ICC (via fax)  
Mack Shumate, UP (via fax)  
David Wiltse, City of Des Plaines (via fax)

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